

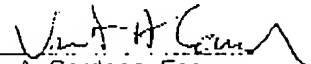
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Serial No. 10/054,253

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Rode Confirmation No.: 3708
Serial No.: 10/054,253 Group Art Unit: 3683
Filed: January 22, 2002 Examiner: K. L.T. Nguyen
Title: ADJUSTABLE DISC SPRING SYSTEMS AND METHODS

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Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.181(a)

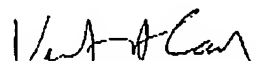
Dear Sir:

This petition is filed in response to the Notice of Abandonment mailed on October 31, 2003 in connection with the above-designated application. The Notice was issued because the Office apparently never received a response to the outstanding Office action dated February 12, 2003, although a response to the February 12, 2003 Office Action was timely mailed on May 12, 2003. A Certificate of Mailing dated May 12, 2003 and signed by the undersigned attorney was included on the Amendment, as well ✓

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as the Amendment Transmittal Letter, and a return-receipt postcard was included in the mailing. Enclosed is a copy of the Amendment Transmittal Letter, Response, as well as a copy of the return-receipt postcard, confirming receipt of the Response at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 15, 2003. It is submitted that the response was filed in a timely manner, and the application was not abandoned. Therefore, withdrawal of the holding of abandonment, entry of the response and amendments, and continued examination of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated: November 5, 2003

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Copy of Amendment Transmittal and Response to Office Action, dated May 12, 2003
Copy of Return-Receipt Postcard, confirming receipt of Response, date stamped May 15, 2003

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Applicant: John E. Rode
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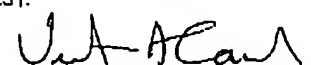
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- * Amendment Transmittal Letter (1 page) in duplicate
- * Response to Office Action (10 pages)



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Applicant(s): John E. Rode					
Serial No. 10/054,253	Filing Date 01/22/2002	Examiner Xuan Lan T. Nguyen	Group Art Unit 3683		
Invention: ADJUSTABLE DISC SPRING SYSTEMS AND METHODS					
<u>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.					
<input type="checkbox"/> A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed.					
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for amendment.					
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Filed	January 22, 2003	Examiner	K. L. F. Nguyen		
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<p>Dear Sir:</p>					
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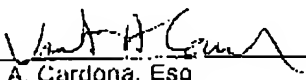
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